



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*

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September 13, 2026

Honorable Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council
25th Navajo Nation Council
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: *Resolution No. CAU-50-26: An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Designating Tooh Ahidiilíní, the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge, and Other Related Cultural, Religious, and Spiritual Sites within the Bodaway/Gap Chapter as a Sacred Site.*

Dear Honorable Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council:

I am pleased to sign this Resolution recognizing Tooh Ahidiilíní as a Sacred Site into law. Tooh Ahidiilíní is the place where the Little Colorado joins the Colorado River. This place is sacred to us, the Diné, and is both at the center of our Beautyway Ceremony and where proper respect is shown and offerings are made. Past proposals called for commercial development of this site, with the potential to bring thousands of people to this place with human-made infrastructure. Some places are not meant for Five-Fingered People to commercially develop. This is one.

Through this Resolution, the Navajo Nation recognizes Tooh Ahidiilíní as a cultural resource and Traditional Cultural Property protected under the Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act. We also affirm our sovereign position, grounded in Diné Fundamental Law, opposing unwanted commercial or industrial development that would impair the site's cultural and spiritual qualities. Our Heritage and Historic Preservation Department (HHPD) will continue evaluating the site for listing in the Navajo Nation Register of Cultural Properties and coordinating with the National Park Service on cooperative management and protection of Tooh Ahidiilíní.

I thank Mr. Larry Foster, the Save the Confluence families, the chapters, the Hataaíi Advisory Council, the Navajo Nation programs that contributed, and everyone who worked to advance this Resolution. I also thank Delegate Curtis Yanito, the co-sponsors, and the 25th Navajo Nation Council for their efforts. No entity is better prepared to protect Tooh Ahidiilíní than the Navajo Nation. I am proud to sign this Resolution into law.

Sincerely,

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2026

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; DESIGNATING TOOH AHIDIILÍNÍ, THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE, AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, AND SPIRITUAL SITES WITHIN THE BODAWAY/GAP CHAPTER AS A SACRED SITE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that exercises oversight authority over the land, environment, and cultural resources of the Navajo Nation for the purpose, among others, of establishing Navajo Nation policy with respect to the utilization of Navajo Nation resources and protecting the rights, interests, sacred sites, and freedoms of the Navajo Nation and People to such resources, now and for future generations. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A), (C) and (C)(1).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority to hear proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2. N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9), 700(A) and 701(A)(3).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A). Statements of policy must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Diné Natural Law declares and teaches that the rights and freedoms of the people to the use of land, natural resources, and sacred sites must be accomplished through the proper protocol of respect and offering, and that these practices must be protected and preserved, for they are the foundation of Diné spiritual ceremonies and the Diné life way. 1 N.N.C. § 205(F).
- B. The Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department is responsible for the protection, preservation, and management planning of the Navajo Nation's cultural

resources pursuant to the Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act, 19 N.N.C. §§ 1001-1061.

- C. *Tooh Ahidiilíni*, the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, together with the Little Colorado River Gorge and the related cultural, religious, and spiritual sites situated within and adjacent to the Bodaway/Gap Chapter, is a place of profound and continuing significance to the *Nihookáá Diné'é Bila'ashdla'ii*, the Five-Fingered People, and the Diné, Hopi, Zuni, Southern Paiute, and White Mountain and Cibecue Apache peoples identify this landscape as part of their ancestral homelands.
- D. The Little Colorado River is known in the Diné language as *Bits'íís Al'tsozí*, the river with the tiny soul, and Colorado River is known as *Bits'íís Nineez* the river with the long soul, and the Diné continue to offer prayers and corn pollen at *Tooh Ahidiilíni* to communicate with the rivers, the wind, the sky, and the canyons, and to petition for protection, prosperity, and health.
- E. The Confluence is central to the Blessing Way, which is the foundation of Navajo ceremonial life, and to numerous associated ceremonies, and Diné offerings have been made at the Confluence for the protection of Diné servicemembers during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.
- F. On October 4, 2016, the Navajo Nation *Hataalii* Advisory Council, working through the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department, issued a Position Statement finding that direct impacts from development to *Tooh Ahidiilíni* would diminish the effectiveness of the Navajo ceremonies practiced to restore health and balance, and unanimously opposing development of the Confluence, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- G. On September 3, 2021, the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department issued correspondence recognizing *Tooh Ahidiilíni* as a sacred place and Traditional Cultural Property informally recognized by the Navajo Nation, and affirming that this informal designation affords protection under the Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act, 19 N.N.C. § 1021, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The correspondence also indicates that the National Park Service and the Navajo Nation have developed a draft Traditional Cultural Property nomination to the United States National Register of Historic Places for the Grand Canyon National Park, which identifies the Confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado Rivers (GCES-33) as a sacred

place and a contributing element to the larger traditional cultural landscape of the Grand Canyon.

- H. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter, by Resolution No. BA-002-013-18 adopted February 24, 2018 by a vote of 55 in favor, 0 opposed, directed its Chapter Officials and Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence designated as a Sacred Site, and rescinded Resolution No. BA-09-092-12 relating to the Grand Canyon Escalade Project, attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- I. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency, by Resolution No. D3GCM 2021-12-03, attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, and the grazing permittees and land users in the area of the Little Colorado River, by Affidavit of Opposition dated June 24, 2020, attached hereto as **Exhibit E**, have supported the designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site and opposed the proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and other commercial or industrial development of the Little Colorado River Gorge.
- J. The designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site has been supported by resolution of the Cameron Chapter (CAM-079-286 #4), the Sawmill Chapter (SAW-09-14-23-03), the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government (TND-09-12-2023), the Tonalea Chapter (TN24-10-05), the LeChee Chapter (LC10082023C), the Fort Defiance Chapter (FDC-2023-OCT-10-02), the Chinle Chapter (CHIN-MAR-24-019), and the Coppermine Chapter (CO-10-003-24), attached hereto collectively as **Exhibit F**, and by all five Navajo Nation Agency Councils, namely the Western Navajo Agency Council (WNAC24-08-NB6), the Fort Defiance Agency Council (FDAC: 07-24-014), the Central (Chinle) Navajo Agency Council (CAC-SEP-28-05), the Eastern Navajo Agency Council (ENAC-12-2024-033), and the Northern Navajo Agency Council (NNAC-219-2024), attached hereto collectively as **Exhibit G**.
- K. A Navajo Nation legislative designation identifying *Tooh Ahidiilíni* as a Sacred Site, or *hodiyyin*, is a strong external expression of the Navajo Nation's sovereignty in protecting and cooperatively managing the Confluence with the National Park Service, and is consistent with the freedom of religion guaranteed under 1 N.N.C. § 4 and the duties declared under Diné Natural Law at 1 N.N.C. § 205.

SECTION THREE. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Confluence" or "*Tooh Ahidiilíni*" means the place where the Little Colorado River joins the Colorado River, together with

the Little Colorado River Gorge and the related cultural, religious, and spiritual sites situated within and adjacent to the Bodaway/Gap Chapter, as identified in the map and boundary description prepared by the Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department, attached hereto as **Exhibit H**.

- B. "Sacred Site" means a place that is sacred to the Diné by virtue of its established cultural, religious, and spiritual significance, at which the proper protocol of respect and offering is practiced as a foundation of Diné spiritual ceremonies and the Diné life way within the meaning of Diné Natural Law, 1 N.N.C. § 205, and that is recognized as *hodiyyin*. A Sacred Site designated under this resolution is also a cultural resource and a Traditional Cultural Property eligible for protection under the Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act, 19 N.N.C. §§ 1001-1061, and a traditional cultural property within the meaning of National Park Service Bulletin 38.

SECTION FOUR. DESIGNATION

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby designates *Tooh Ahidiilíni*, the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge, and the related cultural, religious, and spiritual sites situated within and adjacent to the Bodaway/Gap Chapter, as a Sacred Site of the Navajo Nation.
- B. The Navajo Nation recognizes that the Sacred Site designated herein is a cultural resource and Traditional Cultural Property entitled to the protections of the Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act, including the requirement under 19 N.N.C. § 1021 that the sponsor of any undertaking obtain the approval of the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Officer prior to implementation or authorization of the undertaking.
- C. The Navajo Nation opposes commercial or industrial development of the Confluence and the Little Colorado River Gorge that is unwanted by the local grazing permittees and land users and that would impair the cultural and spiritual qualities of *Tooh Ahidiilíni* and the ceremonial practices associated with it.
- D. The Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department is encouraged to evaluate *Tooh Ahidiilíni* for listing in the Navajo Nation Register of Cultural Properties pursuant to 19 N.N.C. § 1011, and continue to coordinate with the National Park Service regarding the cooperative management and protection of the Confluence.

- E. All appropriate divisions, departments, and officials of the Navajo Nation are encouraged to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate this designation.

SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE

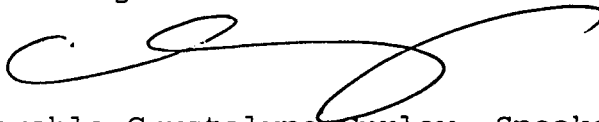
- A. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to alter or affect the valid existing water rights of any party, including any tribal government or the United States, or to alter or affect any water rights settlement or adjudication, whether settled or to be settled in the future.
- B. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to alter or affect the 2006 Navajo-Hopi Intergovernmental Compact or any jurisdictional matter between the Navajo Nation and any other tribe or government.
- C. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to alter or affect the boundaries of the Navajo Nation or of any other tribe or government.
- D. Consistent with 1 N.N.C. § 207(B), the references to Diné Natural Law in this resolution provide guiding principles and the cultural foundation for this designation and shall not be construed to create any independent, legally enforceable right, entitlement, or cause of action.
- E. If any provision of this Action is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 18 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 24th day of August 2026.


Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
25th Navajo Nation Council

9/3/2026

Date

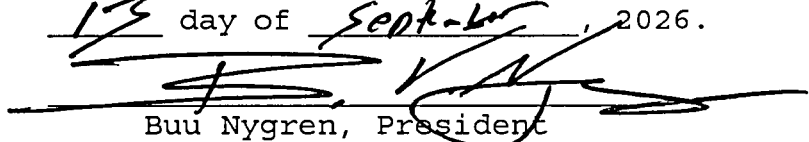
Motion: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Second: Honorable Brenda Jesus

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

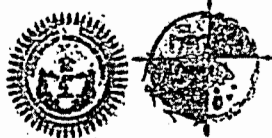
ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10), on this 13 day of September, 2026.


Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), on this _____ day of _____, 2026 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation



**The Navajo Historic Preservation's
Hataalii Advisory Council (HAC)
Position Statement Opposing the Escalade Project at
*To ahidiliih (Confluence)***

October 4, 2016

Pursuant to the CMY-19-88, Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act, 19 N.N.C., the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department (NNHPD) is the Navajo Nation's agency responsible for the protection, preservation and management planning for the Navajo Nation's cultural resources; and pursuant to Navajo Nation Resolution GSCMA05-04, we, the *Hataalii* Advisory Council (HAC) of the NNHPD, have been consulted regarding the proposed Escalade Project in Bodaway/Gap Chapter.

To ahidiliih (Confluence) of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River is a vital and significant landscape to all *Nihokáá diné'é bila'ashdla'ii* - Five-Fingered People of the Land. *To ahidiliih* is home to Navajo deities such as the Big Snake, the Wind and Lightning; it is central to the Blessing Way, which is the backbone and foundation to all Navajo ceremonies, such as the Water Way, Shooting Way, Mountaintop Way, Night Way, Wind Way, Wildgame Way, Plume Way, Big Snake Way (Beauty Way), and the Enemy Way. Direct impact from development to *To ahidiliih* will decrease the effectiveness of the Navajo ceremonies which are practiced day to day by Navajo People to restore health and balance. Ceremonies refer to the *To ahidiliih* through songs, prayers, and offerings to heal mental, physical, and spiritual illness. The continuing use of the *To ahidiliih* in these ceremonies validates its ongoing sacred character.

Our sacred places, including *To ahidiliih*, within the Four Sacred Mountains known as Diné Bikeyah are all interconnected and need to be respected and protected. Many traditional Navajos show their respect and connection to these sacred landscapes by making offerings to these places on a daily basis.

To ahidiliih is a traditional cultural property, which is defined generally as one that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register because of its association with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that (a) are rooted in that community's history, and (b) are important in maintaining the continuing cultural identity of the community (DOI, NPS Bulletin 38, Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties).

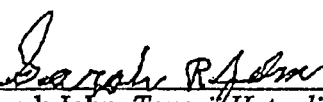
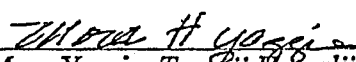
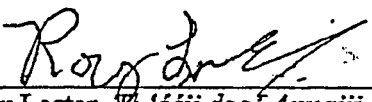
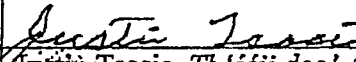
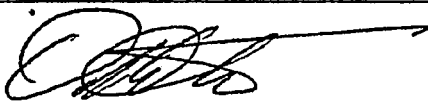
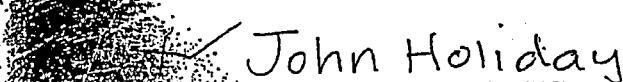
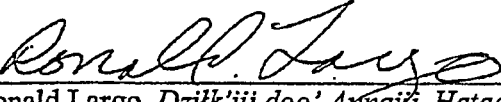
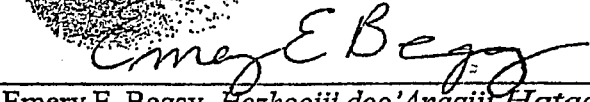
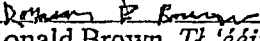
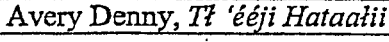
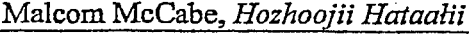
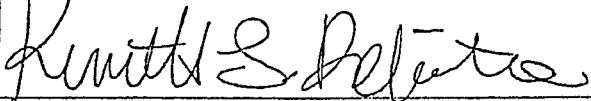
After discussing the project and the sacred character of the *To ahidiliih* of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, we are unanimous in our conclusion that the proposed Escalade Project including the rim top development, tramway and walkway development will:

1. Pose detrimental irreversible harm to the sacred qualities of the *To ahidiliih*;
2. Pose a degraded spiritual experience by Navajos conducting offerings or prayers from overcrowding and reduced visibility by visitors who visit *To ahidiliih* for recreation;
3. Pose harm mentally, physically, and spiritually to the People who visit the *To ahidiliih* without respect and reverence;

5. Threaten to destroy a significant cultural resource, and set precedent for future opportunities to protect our cultural resources as a Navajo Nation.

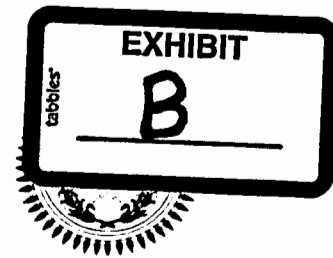
Furthermore, both Navajo Nation law and U.S. federal law provide legal protection to sacred places such as the Confluence. Navajo Nation Code, Section 205: *Nashasdzáán dóó Yádlíhíł Bits'áádéé Beehaz'danii*—Diné Natural Law. Several U.S. federal laws additionally provide protection for sacred places and traditional religious practice, including the Antiquities Act of 1906, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. These laws and others protect, in various ways, the rights of tribal religious practitioners to access and use sacred sites, and protect religious and cultural items and human remains in the event that potential development may disrupt or damage them.

For these reasons, we the undersigned, unanimously oppose the Escalade project, both the tramway and walkway, as well as the rim-top resort.

 Sarah John, Toyeeji Hataalii	 Mora Yazzie, Toyeeji Hataalii
 Roy Lester, Tł 'ééji doo' Annajii Hataalii	 Justin Tsosie, Tł 'ééji doo' Annajii Hataalii
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THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



September 3, 2021

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RE: Confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers, Tooh Ahidiilini, as a Traditional Cultural Property

Dear Chapter President Smith:

Currently, the Confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers, *Tooh Ahidiilini*, (GCES-33) is informally recognized as a sacred place and a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) by the Navajo Nation. TCPs are defined as places that are significant because of their association with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that are rooted in that community's history, and are important in maintaining the continuing cultural identity of the community. The goal of this correspondence to the Cameron Chapter is to describe the concept of TCPs, the current status of the confluence as a TCP, and the potential benefits of formalizing its status through legislation or a TCP registry.

TCPs are essentially the same as sacred places or *hodiyyin*, and the term is borrowed from the language of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in order to mirror the US Federal system so that documentation may be consistent internal to the Navajo Nation and externally in National Parks or forests. Because *Tooh Ahidiilini* is a TCP that stretches across Navajo and National Park Service (NPS) lands, it is especially important to coordinate management with the NPS. As a part of this cooperation, the NPS and the Navajo Nation have developed a draft TCP nomination to the US National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for the entire Grand Canyon National Park. The nomination identifies the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado Rivers as a sacred place and a contributing element to the larger traditional cultural landscape of the Grand Canyon.

The draft Grand Canyon TCP nomination was developed with information from the 1995 publication *Bits'fís Ninéézi* (The River of Neverending Life), which documents Navajo connections and histories in the region. The publication was created with a great deal of assistance from the Cameron Chapter and it will be as important to coordinate with your chapter in any further efforts to designate the Confluence as a TCP through Navajo Nation legislation or other means. HHPD would be pleased to share copies of the 1995 document with the chapter if there is an interest, please let us know.

At this time no formal Navajo Nation TCP registry has been created and no site-specific legislation passed within the Navajo Nation, despite this, the informal designation by HHPD still affords the same protection under the Navajo Nation Cultural Resources Protection Act (CRPA).

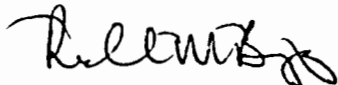
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Section 1021 of the CRPA states that the Tribal Preservation Officer must approve undertakings that have the potential to effect TCPs. This approval process establishes a process of review that works with associated communities to ensure TCPs are protected to the greatest extent feasible. There are, however, also benefits to passing site specific legislation and/or finalizing the TCP registry formally. These actions, especially legislation, would be strong expressions of tribal sovereignty externally in protecting and cooperatively managing the site with the NPS. There are also interpretive and public relations benefits to these actions.

We would also like to note that *Tooh Ahidiilini* is monitored each year during Navajo Nation led scientific monitoring trips through the Grand Canyon. These trips are designed to monitor, document and produce recommendations to inform NPS and Navajo co-management of the river systems. The monitoring trips are also an opportunity to stay connected to the land, and Navajo cultural traditions through prayers and offerings at various places in the Grand Canyon corridor as well as the Little Colorado River. We will also look forward to your participation in the trips in the coming years.

Finally, please know that HHPD fully supports the chapter's resolution to designate the *Tooh Ahidiilini* as a sacred site and is happy to offer assistance to the community in pursuing legislation or any chapter supported measures. Please feel free to contact Tim Begay or Erik Stanfield with HHPD at tbegay@navajo-nsn.gov or erikstanfield@navajo-nsn.gov for support in this work. Erik and Tim, will follow up this letter to schedule a site visit to meet and discuss with interested community members. If you have any other questions or feedback, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION OF THE BODAWAY/GAP CHAPTER
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Resolution No: BA-002-013-18

RESCINDING RESOLUTION BA-09-092-12 (RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRAND CANYON ESCALADE PROJECT) AND AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE AS A SACRED SITE.

WHEREAS:

1. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter has been certified by the Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C., Section 102 (B) and is vested with the authority and responsibility to address local matters and concerns within its community; and
2. For the last 46 years, many Bodaway/Gap Chapter members and their families have suffered extreme economic hardship and physical dislocation due to the imposed Bennett Freeze by the U.S. Government, which has prevented the Bodaway/Gap Chapter from achieving adequate community and economic development; and
3. On July 23, 2012, the Bodaway/Gap Chapter approved a Resolution directing that all development be stopped from the Confluence (Little Colorado & Colorado Rivers) to Marble Canyon and in the surrounding areas; and
4. On October 03, 2012, the Bodaway/Gap Chapter approved a Resolution entitled "Rescinding All Prior Resolutions Relating to the Development of the Grand Canyon Escalade Project and Confluence Partners, LLC and Approving the withdrawal of up to 420 Acres of Land within the Bodaway/Gap Chapter for the Grand Canyon Escalade Project and subsequently numbered BA-09-092-12" (See Exhibit "A"); and
5. The Chapter members, Grazing Permittees, and Homesite Permittees of the Bodaway/Gap Chapter that live and utilize the subject 420 acres of the proposed Escalade Project are opposed to the project and have never given their consent for use of the affected land; and
6. On October 4, 2016, the Navajo Historic Preservations' Hataalii Advisory Council (HAC) have created a Position Statement to oppose the Escalade Project at To ahidiliih (Confluence) (see Exhibit "B"); and
7. The Law and Order Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, Naabik'iyati Committee have all opposed the Grand Canyon Escalade Project (see Exhibit "C"); and

8. The Resources and Development Committee tabled the Grand Canyon Escalade Project (see Exhibit "D"); and
9. On October 31, 2012, the Navajo Nation Council opposed the Grand Canyon Escalade Project (see Voting Record of the Navajo Nation Council as Exhibit "E"); and
10. The Office of the President/Vice President of the Navajo Nation also are on record opposing the Grand Canyon Escalade Project (see Exhibit "F"); and
11. Neighboring Tribes such as the Hopi, Zuni and others have also expressed their strong opposition to the Grand Canyon Escalade Project (see Exhibit "G"); and
12. It is now apparent that there is no support of the Grand Canyon Escalade Project on the Navajo Nation and it is now in the best interest of the Bodaway/Gap Chapter to rescind Resolution BA-09-092-12.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter hereby rescinds, in its entirety, Resolution BA-09-092-12, entitled "Rescinding All Prior Resolutions Relating to the Development of the Grand Canyon Escalade Project and Confluence Partners, LLC and Approving the Withdrawal of up to 420 Acres of Land within the Bodaway/Gap Chapter for the Grand Canyon Escalade Project".
2. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter further hereby declares that the Grand Canyon Escalade Project as a defeated project.
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter hereby directs its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence (Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designated as a Sacred Site.

******* CERTIFICATION *******

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED AT A DULY CALLED MEETING AT THE BODWAY/GAP CHAPTER HOUSE, (NAVAJO NATION), ARIZONA, AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THE SAME WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 55 IN FAVOR, 00 OPPOSED, AND 12 ABSTAINED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.

MOTION: Shirley Tunney

SECOND: Rita Nakaideneh

Raymond D. Yellowman 2/27/18
Raymond D. Yellowman, President

Leonard Sloan
Leonard Sloan, Vice President

Bessie Zahne 2/24/18
Bessie Zahne, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT
Lee Yazzie, Jr., Grazing Official

ABSENT
Tuchoney Slim, 23rd Navajo Nation Council Delegate

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY



District III Grazing Committee Members

James Beard Chairperson

Steven Arizana Vice-Chairperson

Lee Yazzie, Jr Secretary

Harry J. Goldtooth Member

RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT III GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER RESOLUTION NO. D3GCM 2021-12-03

Supporting the Designation of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River Confluence and various Cultural, Spiritual and Religious Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 3N.N.C. Subparagraph 871-884, the District III Grazing Committee have authority to oversee activities on the Navajo Nation; and
2. The Western Navajo Agency District Three Grazing Committee is vested with authority to review all matters affecting the community, to exercise corrective authority where appropriate, and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other Agencies and Entities; and
3. The Navajo Tribal Resolution CJ-6-53 dated January 13, 1953, recommended that the Advisory Committee initiate the establishment of Grazing Committees; and
4. The District III Grazing Committee Members have been informed and apprised of the utmost importance to designate the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River as a Sacred Site along with various Cultural, Spiritual and Religious Sites as Sacred Sites; and
5. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation by Resolution at a duly called Chapter held on February 24, 2018 by a vote of 55-0 approved and authorized and directed "its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence (Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designator as a Sacred Site."; and
6. The families and Grazing Permittees in the affected area of the Confluence have also requested to have the Confluence designated as a Sacred Site; and
7. Nine(9) Navajo Nation Chapters within the former Bennett Freeze Area are supportive of the Confluence Sacred Site Designation and in their Draft IRMP (Integrated Resource Management Plan), it's the Chapters consensus of the CLUPC's from the nine Chapters within the former Bennett Freeze Area and endorsed by the Navajo Division of Natural Resources and the Navajo Hopi Land Commission as follows:
 - A. Water Resources: The Navajo Nation has severe water infrastructure deficiencies that impact the health, economy, and welfare of the Navajo Nation. The lack of adequate domestic and municipal water is the greatest water resource problem facing the Navajo Nation.
 - B. Recovery from the halted development, housing, transportation, utilities, and business have all been impacted by the ban on development within the FBFA.
 - C. Restriction on Development within Navajo Nation Religious Zones Protection of Navajo Nation cultural practices and areas is critical when considering development within the FBFA. The Navajo-Hopi Intergovernmental Compact recognizes the spiritual heritage of both Tribes and ensures that religious

traditions can continue while ensuring the conservation of eagle nesting areas under federal law. Article 4.1 of the Navajo-Hopi Intergovernmental Compact states that no development will occur within any areas listed under Exhibit C of the Compact.

- D. Respect and Honor for traditional values such as livestock grazing and agriculture while balancing the needs for growth and development within the community; E. Protection of natural and cultural resources, historic properties, sacred sites, and sacred species.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED

1. The District III Grazing Committees Members do hereby support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual and Religious Sites be designated as a Sacred Site(s) of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the District III Grazing Committee at a duly called meeting at Tuba City Public Library, The Tuba City Navajo Nation Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstained, this 10th day of December 2020.

Motion: Lee Yazzie Jr

Second: Steven Arizona

James Beard
James Beard, Chairperson

Steven Arizona
Steven Arizona, Vice- Chairperson

Lee Yazzie Jr
Lee Yazzie Jr, Secretary

Harry J. Goldtooth
Harry J. Goldtooth, Member

District III Grazing Committee



June 24, 2020

TO: The Honorable Jonathan Nez President, The Navajo Nation.
PO Box 7440; Window Rock, Arizona 86515

**AFFIDAVIT OF OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED
BIG CANYON PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT AND ANY OTHER
COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE**

We, the undersigned, without any undue influence and coercion, hereby oppose the Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project as proposed by Pumped Hydro Storage LLC of Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, we oppose any kind of commercial or industrial development inside the gorge of the Little Colorado River from where it joins with the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon (the Confluence) to where the LCR Gorge ends near Cameron.

Whereas, we are the actual Land Owners who have legal instruments established through Grazing Permits, Homesite Leases and Land Use Permits that have passed to us through generations of family usage, and to date, we still utilize the land being proposed by the proposed Project.

Whereas, the proposed Project will:

- have a tremendous negative impact on ourselves and our families (present and future generations); and
- adversely impact our basic livelihood, our water and our land use, our livestock, our homes, our Navajo Traditional Sacred Religious Sites, our traditional medicinal sites, among others.

Whereas, in a resolution passed by a 55-0 vote on Feb. 24, 2018, the Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation directed "its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence (Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designated as a Sacred Site."

And whereas, we hold this land very Sacred and Spiritual to our Natural Environment, the Water, Air, Fire and Mother Earth.

Therefore, we—the undersigned—respectfully request that our Navajo Nation Leaders, Chapter/Community Leaders, Grazing Officials, all levels of Government, and other affected individuals oppose (1) the proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project; and oppose (2) any future commercial or industrial development inside the Little Colorado River Gorge and (3) that the Confluence be designated as Sacred Site by the Navajo Nation.

Nellie Shuchars
Signature

Census No.

3-3
Grazing Lease No.

Colina Wilson
Signature

Census No.

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Grazing Lease No.

David
Bernie A. Hestance
Signature

Census No.

3-1735
Grazing Lease No.

Earlene Reid
Signature

Census No.

3-2129
Grazing Lease No.

Wilson O. Wilson
Signature

Census No.

3-1756
Grazing Lease No.

L. M. S.
Signature

Census No.

3-1548
Grazing Lease No.

Rose A. Irosie
Signature

Census No.

3-1757
Grazing Lease No.

Marie Pefitio
Signature

Census No.

Penning
Grazing Lease No. at BIA

Therefore, we—the undersigned—respectfully request that our Navajo Nation Leaders, Chapter/Community Leaders, Grazing Officials, all levels of Government, and other affected individuals oppose (1) the proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project; and oppose (2) any future commercial or industrial development inside the Little Colorado River Gorge and (3) that the Confluence be designated as Sacred Site by the Navajo Nation.

Lucille Daniel
Signature

Census No.

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Grazing Lease No.

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Signature

Census No.

3-1806
Grazing Lease No.

Franklin Martin
Signature

Census No.

3-1740
Grazing Lease No.

Alma Daganter
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Grazing Lease No.

Tommy Smith
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JONATHAN NEZ
NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT

MYRON LIZER
NAVAJO NATION VICE PRESIDENT

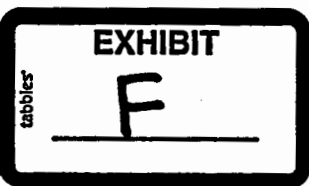
THOMAS WALKER JR.
COUNCIL DELEGATE



CHARLIE S
CHAPTER PR

CANDIS YAZZIE
CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

LOUISE KERLEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER



CAMERON CHAPTER

CAMERON CHAPTER THE RESOLUTION OF CAMERON CHAPTER NAVAJO NATION, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA

Cameron Chapter Supporting the Designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.

RESOLUTION NO. CAM-079-286 #4

Whereas:

1. Pursuant of 26 N.N.C., 3(a) the Cameron Chapter is a duly recognized certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., part 1, section 10, and;
2. Pursuant to N.N.C., Section 1(B) Cameron Chapter is vested with the authority to Review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate Correction when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other Local agencies for appropriate actions, and;
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation by resolution at a duly called Chapter meeting held on February 24, 2018 by a vote of 55-0 approved, authorized and directed "its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence (Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designated as a Sacred Site" attached as Exhibit "A"; and
4. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council (HAC) working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department have designated To ahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties attached as Exhibit "B"; and
5. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution approve and support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual and Religious Sites be designated as a Sacred Site(s) of the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "C"; and

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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CAMERON CHAPTER

6. The Grazing Permittees and Land Users in the Area of the Little Colorado River have stated their opposition to the Proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and any other Commercial or Industrial Development of the Little Colorado River Gorge, also requests that the Confluence be designated as a Sacred Site by the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "D".

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The Cameron Chapter of the Navajo Nation hereby support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.
2. The Cameron Chapter further hereby directs its Chapter Officials, Council Delegate, and Grazing Committee Representative to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMUNITY OF CAMERON AT A DULY CALLED CHAPTER MEETING IN CAMERON, (NAVAJO NATION) ARIZONA, AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THAT THE SAME WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 8 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, AND 3 ABSTAINED ON THIS SUNDAY OF March 20, 2022.

Motioned by: Marilyn Reed

Seconded by: Marie Goldtooth

Charlie Smith Jr, Chapter President

Thomas Walker Jr, Council Delegate

Candis Yazzie, Chapter Vice President

Dermayne Cody, Grazing Official

Louise Kerley, Chapter Secretary/Treasure

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VACANT, Accounts Maint. Specialist
Pearlyn Paul, CHW
Louise Mark, Senior Center Spv.

SAW-09-14-23-03

SAWMILL CHAPTER THE RESOLUTION OF SAWMILL CHAPTER NAVAJO NATION

Sawmill Chapter Supporting the Designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.

Whereas:

1. Pursuant of 26 N.N.C., 3(a) the Sawmill Chapter is a duly recognized certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., part 1, section 10, and;
2. Pursuant to N.N.C., Section 1(B) Sawmill Chapter is vested with the authority to Review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate Corrections when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other Local agencies for appropriate actions, and;
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation by resolution at a duly called Chapter meeting held on February 24, 2018 by a vote of 55-0 approved, authorized and directed "its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence ("Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designated as a Sacred Site" attached as Exhibit "A"; and
4. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council (HAC) working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department have designated To ahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties attached as Exhibit "B"; and
5. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution approve and support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual and Religious Sites be designated as a Sacred Site(s) of the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "C"; and
6. The Grazing Permittees and Land Users in the Area of the Little Colorado River have stated their opposition to the Proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and any other Commercial or Industrial Development of the Little Colorado River Gorge, also requests that the Confluence be designated as a Sacred Site by the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "D"; and

7. The Cameron Chapter by Resolution on March 20, 2023 supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "E"; and
8. The Leupp Chapter by Resolution on December 20, 2023 supports to the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "F".

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

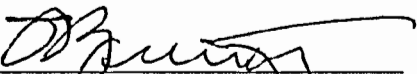
1. The Sawmill Chapter of the Navajo Nation hereby support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.
2. The Sawmill Chapter further hereby directs its Chapter Officials, Council Delegate, and Grazing Committee Representative to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMUNITY OF SAWMILL AT A DULY CALLED CHAPTER MEETING IN SAWMILL, (NAVAJO NATION) ARIZONA, AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THAT THE SAME WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 33 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, AND 1 ABSTAINED ON THIS SEPTEMBER 14, 2023.

Motioned by: Larry Foster

Seconded by: Orlando Manuelito


Woodie Bennett, Chapter President



**TO'NANEES'DIZI LOCAL
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Otto Tso, Council Delegate

Aniidi Legislation #TND-09- 122023

**ANIIDI LEGISLATION OF TONANEESDIZI LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND THE
COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL
SITES AS SACRED SITES.**

WHEREAS:

1. The To'Nanees'Dizi Council of Naat'aanii pursuant to Resolution No. TCDC# TCDC-18-04, is a certified and recognized Chapter by the Navajo Nation Council, vested with the authority and responsibility to provide and address local planning within its community, and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B) is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate correction when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions, and
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation by resolution at a duly called Chapter meeting held on February 24, 2018 by a vote of 55-0 approved, authorized and directed "its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence ("Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designated as a Sacred Site" attached as Exhibit "A"; and
4. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataa'hii Advisory Council (HAC) working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department have designated To ahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties attached as Exhibit "B"; and
5. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution approve and support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual and Religious Sites be designated as a Sacred Site(s) of the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "C";
6. The Grazing Permittees and Land Users in the Area of the Little Colorado River have stated their opposition to the Proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and any other Commercial or Industrial Development of the Little Colorado River Gorge, also requests that the Confluence be designated as a Sacred Site by the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "D"; and
7. The Cameron Chapter by Resolution on March 20, 2023 supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "E"; and
8. The Leupp Chapter by Resolution on December 20, 2023 supports to the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "F".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government of the Navajo Nation hereby supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.
2. The To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government further hereby directs Navajo Nation Government Officials, Council Delegates, and Grazing Committee Representatives to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate this Legislation.

***** CERTIFICATION *****

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government, at a duly called meeting at the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government of Tuba City (Navajo Nation), Arizona; at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained on this 6th day of September, 2023.

Motioned By: Steven Arzara

Seconded By: Angie Williams

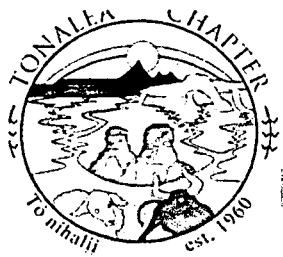
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District One - Western Navajo Agency

Tonalea Chapter

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RESOLUTION OF THE TONALEA CHAPTER WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY RESOLUTION NO: TN24-10-05

TONALEA CHAPTER SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE, AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SITES AS SACRED SITES.

WHEREAS:

1. The Tonalea Chapter is a duly reorganized and vested the governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and traditions Certified (LGA) Chapter of the Navajo Nation government, pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Part I, Section 10; and
2. The Tonalea Chapter recognized that pursuant to Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA), 26 N.N.C., § 2003, all Navajo Nation Chapters including LGA certified Chapters, are required to follow the Navajo Nation budget instructions when formulating the annual chapter and when appropriations are coming from the Navajo Nations fund; and
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation, by resolution at s duly called meeting held on February 24, 2018, by a vote of 55-0, approved, authorized and directed "its Chapter Officials/Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence ("Little Colorado River and Colorado River") to e designated as a Sacred Site. " Attached as Exhibit "A"; and
4. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council (HAC), working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department, has designed To ahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties attached as Exhibit "B"; and
5. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency, by Resolution, approved and supported the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual, and Religious Sites to be designated as a Sacred Site(s) of the Navaj Nation attached as Exhibit "C"; and
6. The Grazing Permittees and Land Users in the Area of the Little Colorado River have stated their opposition to the Proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and any other Commercial or Industrial Development of the Little Colorado river Gorge also request that the Confluence be designated as a Sacred Site by the Navajo Natin attached as "Exhibit "D"; and
7. The Cameron Chapter, by Resolution on March 20, 2023, supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "E"; and

8. The Leupp Chapter by Resolution on December 20, 2023, supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "F."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Tonalea Chapter of the Navajo Nation hereby supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River Gorge, and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.
2. The Tonalea Chapter further hereby directs its Chapter Officials, Council Delegate, and Grazing Committee Representative to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

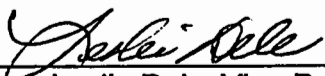
We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Tonalea Chapter, at a duly called meeting in Tonalea, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which is quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of **24** in favor, **0** opposed and **5** abstained, on this **23rd** Day of **October 2023**.

Motioned By: **Virgil Scott**

Seconded By: **Cindy S. Covey**



Darryl Jim, President



Leslie Dele, Vice-President



Marlinda Whiterock, Secretary/Treasurer



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RESOLUTION: #LC10082023C

RESOLUTION OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION SUPPORTS THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE, AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SITES AS SACRED SITES.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C Section 3(A) the LeChee Chapter is a duly recognized certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11N.N.C, part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C Section 1 (B) LeChee Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community; and
3. LeChee Chapter is vested with the authority to make appropriate decisions on behalf of the community and to make recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other agencies for appropriate actions; and
4. The Bodaway/Gap of the Navajo Nation, by Resolution at a duly called Chapter held on February 24, 2018, by a vote of 55-0, approved, authorized, and directed "its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence ("Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designated as Sacred Site." attached as Exhibit "A"; and
5. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hattaalii Advisory Council (HAC), working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department, has designated to: Ahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties attached a Exhibit "B"; and
6. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency, by Resolution, approved and supported the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual, and Religious Sites to be designated as a Sacred Site(s) of the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "C"; and
7. The Grazing Permittees and Land Users in the Area of the Little Colorado River have stated their opposition to the Proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and any other Commercial or Industrial Development of the Little Colorado River Gorge also requests that the Confluence be designated as a Sacred Site by the: Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "D"; and
8. The Cameron Chapter, by Resolution on March 20, 2023, supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River as Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "E"; and
9. The Leupp Chapter, by Resolution on December 20, 2023, supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "F".

**JoAnn
Yazzie-Pioche**
Chapter President

Cassie Scott
Chapter Vice-President

Sharla Hunt
Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

Tyler Manson
Grazing Officer

**Helena Nez
Begay**
Council Delegate



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

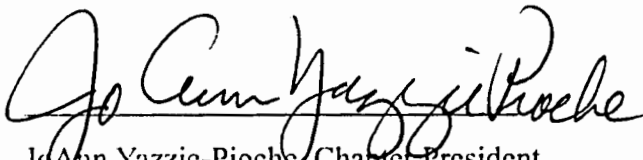
1. The LeChee Chapter of the Navajo Nation; hereby, supports the designation of the Confluence of the: Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge, and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.
2. The LeChee Chapter further; hereby, directs its Chapter Officials, Council Delegate, and Grazing Committee Representative to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate this resolution.

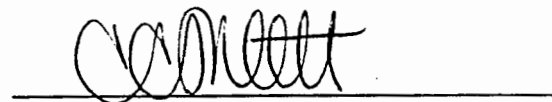
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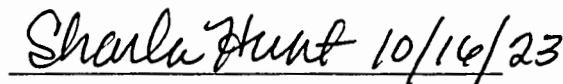
We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called authorized meeting held at LeChee Chapter (Navajo Nation), Arizona at which a quorum was present, and that same day was passed by a vote of **29** in favor, **00** opposed and **01** abstained on this 08th day of October, 2023.

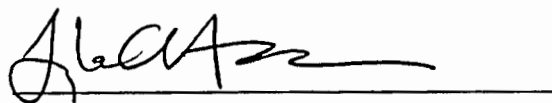
Motion by: Irene Whitekiller

Seconded by: Betty Thompson


JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Chapter President


Cassie Scott, Chapter Vice-President


Sharla Hunt, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer


Tyler Manson, Chapter Grazing Officer

Helena Nez Begay, Council Delegate

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**THE NAVAJO NATION
FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER**

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Dr. Andy Nez, 25th Council Delegate

Dr. Buu Nygren
Navajo Nation President

Richelle Montoya
Navajo Nation Vice President

RESOLUTION OF FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER

Supporting the Designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites **FDC-2023-OCT-10-02**

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., 3(a) the Fort Defiance Chapter is a duly recognized certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., part 1, section 10, and
2. Pursuant to N.N.C., Section 1(B) Fort Defiance Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate corrections when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions, and
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo by resolution at a duly called Chapter meeting held on February 24, 2018 by a vote of 55-0 approved, authorized and directed "its Chapter Officials/Council Delegate to do all things necessary and proper to have the Confluence ("Little Colorado River and Colorado River) be designated as a Sacred Site" attached as Exhibit "A," and
4. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisor Council (HAC) working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department have designated To ahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties attached as Exhibit "B," and
5. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution approved and supported the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual and Religious Sites be designated as a Sacred Site(s) of the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "C," and
6. The Grazing Permittees and Land Users in the Area of the Little Colorado River have stated their opposition to the Proposed Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and any other Commercial or Industrial Development of the Little Colorado River Gorge, also requests that the confluence be designated as Sacred Site by the Navajo Nation attached as Exhibit "D," and
7. The Cameron Chapter by Resolution on March 20, 2023 supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "E," and
8. The Leupp Chapter by Resolution on December 20, 2023 supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River as a Sacred Site attached as Exhibit "F."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Fort Defiance Chapter of the Navajo Nation supports the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, and Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.
2. The Fort Defiance Chapter further hereby directs its Chapter Officials, Council Delegate, and Grazing Committee Representative to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMUNITY OF FORT DEFIANCE AT A DULY CALLED CHAPTER MEETING IN FORT DEFIANCE, (NAVAJO NATION) ARIZONA, AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THAT THE SAME WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 31 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, AND 4 ABSTAINED, ON THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

MOTIONED:

Aaron Sam
Aaron Sam, Chapter President

SECONDED:

Wilson Stewart, Jr.

TYPED:LN

Chinle Chapter Government

THE NAVAJO NATION

Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch

PRESIDENT

Cynthia Hunter

VICE PRESIDENT

RoAnn Burbank

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Shawna Ann Claw

COUNCIL DELEGATE

Oscar Bia Sr.

GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

RESOLUTION OF THE CHINLE CHAPTER NAVAJO NATION CHIN-MAR-24-019

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SITES AS SACRED SITES.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant of 26 N.N.C., 3(a) the Chinle Chapter is a duly recognized certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to N.N.C., Section 1(B) Chinle Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community, to make appropriate corrections when necessary and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other Local agencies for appropriate actions; and
3. Navajo Historic Preservation informally recognizes the Confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers. To ahidiiliih, as a sacred place and a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) because of the community's history and is very important in maintaining the cultural identity of the community (Exhibit "B"); and
4. The Proposed Project will adversely impact the basic livelihood of community members, the water, land use, livestock, homes, the Navajo Traditional Sacred Religious Sites, and traditional medicinal sites, among others (Exhibit "D"); and
5. Attached as Exhibits are Resolutions in Support of the Designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites:
 - Exhibit "A" BA-002-013-18, Resolution of the Bodaway/Gap Chapter
 - Exhibit "C" D3GCM 2021-12-03, District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency Resolution
 - Exhibit "E" CAM-079-286 #4, Resolution of the Cameron Chapter
 - Exhibit "F" Resolution of the Leupp Chapter
 - Exhibit "G" FDC-2023-OCT-10-02, Resolution of the Fort Defiance Chapter
 - Exhibit "H" SAW-09-14-23-03, Resolution of the Sawmill Chapter

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Chinle Chapter hereby supports the Designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was considered by the community of Chinle at a duly called chapter meeting in Chinle, (Navajo Nation) Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained on this 22nd day of March 2024.

Motioned by: Sharon Yazzie

Seconded by: Pamela Bia

Chinle Chapter Government

THE NAVAJO NATION

Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch
PRESIDENT

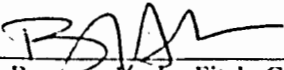
Cynthia Hunter
VICE PRESIDENT

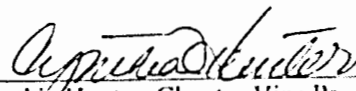
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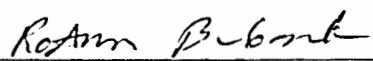
Shawna Ann Claw
COUNCIL DELEGATE

Oscar Bia Sr.
GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

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Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Vice President


RoAnn Burbank, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter President
Allen Fowler Jr.

COPPERMINE CHAPTER



Council Delegate
Helena Nez Begay

Chapter Vice President
Lola Smith

Grazing Committee
Stanford Fowler

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**Community
Service Coordinator**
Minnette Roundstone

CO-10-003-24

RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER

SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE (TOOH AHIDILII) OF THE LITTLE COLORADO AND THE COLORADO RIVERS; AND THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE AS TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY THROUGH THE U.S. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP); AND OPPOSING ANY LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR ACTIONS WHICH MAY NEGATE THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE AREA.

WHEREAS:

1. The Coppermine Chapter is a duly-recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 3; 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to Title 26, N.N.C. Section 1 (B), The Coppermine Chapter is vested with governmental authority to review all matters affecting the community; to take appropriate corrective action as necessary; and to make recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other governmental agencies; and
3. The Western Navajo Agency chapters of Bodaway/Gap, Cameron, Leupp, and Tuba City, through their respective resolutions, support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers; the Little Colorado River Gorge and other culturally and spiritually related significant areas as sacred (Hodiyin) sites; and
4. The District #3 Grazing Committee, Hataalii Advisory Council (HAC) and local land users and residents through petition and position statements, are opposed to the Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project which will adversely impact the natural, cultural, economic, historical and recreational value of the areas; and
5. The Coppermine Chapter recognizes that the Confluence as a significant contributing element to the larger Grand Canyon National Park landscape and is worthy of the nomination as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) to the U.S. National Registry of Historic Places; and
6. The Coppermine Chapter opposes the proposed Western Pumped Storage Project #2 located in both chapters along the Echo Cliffs; and
7. Coppermine Chapter furthermore, opposes both the Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and the Western Pumped Storage Project #2 as it will negatively impact scarce groundwater pumping, land and watershed health scenic outdoor recreation, historic and cultural preservation, and threatened and endangered species protection.

8. The Coppermine Chapter also welcomes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's denial of preliminary permit applications due to lack of consultation, project reviews, and the addressing of concerns and consent of local communities and the Navajo Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Coppermine Chapter hereby supports and recommends the designation of the Confluence (Tooh Ahidilii) of the Little Colorado and the Colorado Rivers and the Little Colorado River Gorge as traditional cultural property through the U.S. National Registry of Historic Places (NRHP); and opposing any large scale development plans or actions which may negate the positive aspects of the area.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify, that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at Coppermine Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 10 abstained on this 17th day of March 2024.

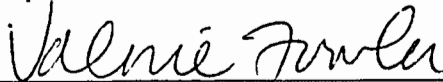
Motioned by: Paul Begay Seconded by: Linda Long



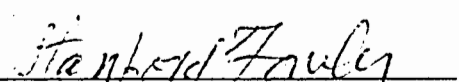
Chapter President- Allen Fowler Jr.



Chapter Vice-President- Lola Smith

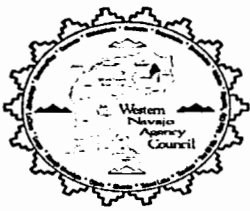


Chapter Secretary/Treasurer- Valerie Fowler



Chapter Grazing Official- Stanford Fowler

Council Delegate- Helena Nez Begay



WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

GERALD KEETSO ROLAND SMALLCANYON CANDIS YAZZIE



RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: WNAC24-08-NB6

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE, AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SITES AS SACRED SITES.

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council is comprised of elected officials representing Eighteen (18) Navajo Nation Chapters and Local Governments in Western Navajo Agency; and
2. The Western Navajo Agency Council is vested with authority to address and represent matters affecting Chapters and Communities in the Western Navajo Agency; and
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Western Navajo Agency by Official Chapter Resolution voted 55 – 0 to authorize the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, Tooahidiliih (be designated as a Sacred Site and Cultural Protected Properties; and
4. The Cameron, Leupp, Tuba City, LeChee, Tonalea, LeChee and Coppermine Chapters have also voted by Chapter Resolutions to support the designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties Protection; and
5. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution also support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Little Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual, and Religion Site be designated as Sacred Sites; and
6. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department support the designation Tooahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties; and
7. It would be in the best interest of the Western Navajo Agency Council that Tooahidiliih (Confluence) be designated as a Sacred Site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Birdsprings ~ Bodaway/Gap ~ Cameron ~ Chilchinbeto ~ Coalmine ~ Coppermine ~ Dennehotso ~
Kaibeto ~ Kayenta ~ LeChee ~ Leupp ~ Navajo Mountain ~ Oljato ~ Shonto ~ Tolani Lake
~TóNaneesdizi ~Tonalea ~ Ts'ah Bii' Kin



WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

GERALD KEETSO

ROLAND SMALLCANYON

CANDIS YAZZIE



1. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby support the Designation of (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.
2. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby further request that the Navajo Nation Council and Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation to approve the (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Western Agency Council at a duly called meeting in Kaibeto, Arizona, Navajo Nation, at which time a quorum was present. A motion was made by Joann Yazzie Pioche and seconded by Angela Cody and the same was passed by a vote of 15 in favor, 2 opposed, and 9 abstained, this 8th day of June 2024.

Gerald Keetso, President

Roland Smallcanyon, Vice President

Candis Yazzie, Secretary

Birdsprings ~ Bodaway/Gap ~ Cameron ~ Chilchinbeto ~ Coalmine ~ Coppermine ~ Dennehotso ~
Kaibeto ~ Kayenta ~ LeChee ~ Leupp ~ Navajo Mountain ~ Oljato ~ Shonto ~ Tolani Lake
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RESOLUTION OF THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SITES AS SACRED SITES.

Whereas:

1. The Fort Defiance Agency Council is comprised of elected officials representing 26 Navajo Nation Chapters and Local Governments in Fort Defiance Agency; and
2. The Fort Defiance Agency Council is vested with authority to address and represent matters affecting Chapters and Communities in the Fort Defiance Agency; and
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Western Navajo Agency by Official Chapter Resolution voted 55 – 0 to authorize the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, Tooahidiliih (be designated as a Sacred Site and Cultural Protected Properties and where the site is; and
4. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution also support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Little Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual, and Religion Site be designated as Sacred Sites; and
5. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department support the designation Tooahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties; and
6. The Western Navajo Agency Council on June 08, 2024 approved to support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site following Chapter-Resolutions being approved by Cameron, Leupp, Tuba City, LeChee, Coppermine, Tonalea Chapters; and
7. The District 18 Council of Fort Defiance Agency on June 08, 2024 approved by Resolution to support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site, as well as Sawmill and Fort Defiance Chapters; and
8. It would be in the best interest of the Fort Defiance Agency Council that Tooahidiliih (Confluence) be designated as a Sacred Site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Fort Defiance Agency Council hereby supports the designation of the (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other cultural/spiritual sites as sacred sites.

2. The Fort Defiance Agency Council hereby further requests that the 25th Navajo Nation Council and Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation to approve the (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related cultural/spiritual sites as sacred sites.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL AT A DULY CALLED MEETING AT FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZONA AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THE SAME WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 17 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED AND 2 ABSTAINED, ON THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2024.

MOTIONED BY: Sharon Smith

SECONDED BY: Timothy Begay

LaVonne Tsosie

LaVonne Tsosie, President



**CHINLE AGENCY COUNCIL
THE NAVAJO NATION**

Dr. Buu Nygren, President

Richelle Montoya, Vice-President

Joseph Dedman
President

Paul Jim
Vice-President

Elliot K Bryant
Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL (CHINLE)
NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO: CAC-SEP-28-05

**SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE
COLORADO RIVER AND THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO
RIVER GORGE AND OTHER RELATED CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SITES AS
SACRED SITES.**

Whereas:

1. The Central Navajo Agency Council is comprised of elected officials representing Eighteen (18) Navajo Nation Chapters and Local Governments in Central Navajo Agency; and
2. The Central Navajo Agency Council is vested with authority to address and represent matters affecting Chapters and Communities in the Central Navajo Agency; and
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Western Navajo Agency by Official Chapter Resolution voted 55 – 0 to authorize the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, Tooahidiliih (be designated as a Sacred Site and Cultural Protected Properties and where the site is; and
4. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution also support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Little Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual, and Religion Site be designated as Sacred Sites; and
5. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department support the designation Tooahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties; and
6. The Western Navajo Agency Council on June 08, 2024 approved to support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site following Chapter-Resolutions being approved by Cameron, Leupp, Tuba City, LeChee, Coppermine, Tonalea Chapters; and
7. The Fort Defiance Agency Council on July 13, 2024 approved by Resolution to support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site; and
8. The Chinle Chapter on March 22, 2024 Voted to Support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site (see attached Exhibit "A"); and

9. It would be in the best interest of the Central Navajo Agency Council that it support Tooahidiliih (Confluence) be designated as a Sacred Site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Central (Chinle) Navajo Agency Council hereby support the Designation of (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.
2. The Central (Chinle) Navajo Agency Council hereby further request that the Navajo Nation Council and Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation to approve the (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.

CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED BY THE CENTRAL (CHINLE) NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL AT A DULY CALLED MEETING IN ROUGH ROCK (ARIZONA) NAVAJO NATION AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND THAT THE SAME WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 14 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED AND 3 ABSTAINED ON THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

MOTIONED BY: Ramona Nalwood

SECONDED BY: Paula S. Begay



Joseph Dedman, Jr., President
Central Navajo Agency Council

"Absent"

Paul Jim, Vice-President
Central Navajo Agency Council



Elliot K. Bryant, Secretary
Central Navajo Agency Council



**RESOLUTION
OF THE
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL
THE NAVAJO NATION**

No. ENAC-12-2024-033

**SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER AND
THE COLORADO RIVER, THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE AND OTHER RELATED
CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SITES AS SACRED SITES**

WHEREAS:

1. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council is comprised of elected officials representing twenty-seven (27) Navajo Nation Chapters and Local Governments in Eastern Navajo Agency; and
2. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council is vested with authority to address and represent matters affecting Chapters and Communities in the Eastern Navajo Agency; and
3. Pursuant 2 N.N.C SECTION: 4028; the Eastern Navajo Agency Council is vested with government authority to review all matters affecting the community to make most appropriate recommendations when necessary to the Navajo Nation, County, State, Federal and other local agencies; and
4. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Western Navajo Agency by Official Chapter Resolution voted 55 – 0 to authorize the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, Tooahidiliih (be designated as a Sacred Site and Cultural Protected Properties and where the site is; and
5. Whereas the District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution also support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Little Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual, and Religion Site be designated as Sacred Sites; and
6. Whereas the Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department support the designation Tooahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties; and
7. Whereas the Western Navajo Agency Council on June 08, 2024 approved by Resolution to Support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site following Chapter-Other Resolutions approved are by Cameron, Leupp, Tuba City, LeChee, Coppermine, Tonalea Chapters; and
8. Whereas the Fort Defiance Agency Council on July 13, 2024 approved by Resolution to support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site; and
9. Whereas the Central Navajo Agency Council on September 28, 2024 approved by Resolution to Support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site; and
10. Whereas it would be in the best interest of the Eastern Navajo Agency Council that it support Tooahidiliih (Confluence) be designated as a Sacred Site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

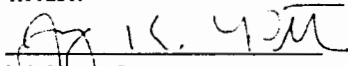
1. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council hereby supports the Designation of (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.
2. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council hereby further request that the Navajo Nation Council and Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation to approve the (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.

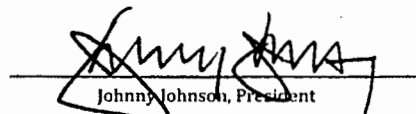
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Eastern Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Tsayatoh, New Mexico at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 56 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, this 7th day of December 2024.

Motion: Milton Davidson, Manuelito Chapter
Second: Jay DeGroat, Mariano Lake Chapter

ATTEST:


Judy Platero, Secretary


Johnny Johnson, President



NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL THE NAVAJO NATION

Dr. J. Kaibah Begay
President

Daron Yellowhorse
Vice-President

Matthew D. Tso
Secretary

NNAC-219-2024

Supporting the Designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and Other Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites

WHEREAS:

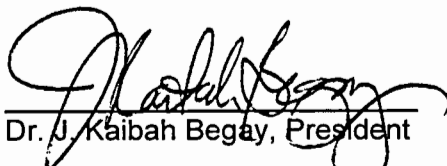
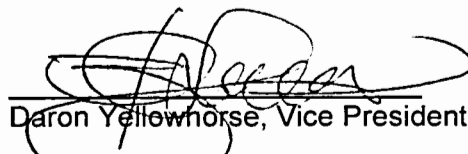
1. Pursuant to IGRD-269-05, the Northern Navajo Agency Council is a recognized political subdivision of the Navajo Nation and has the authority to advocate and make appropriate recommendations on behalf of the nineteen (19) Northern Agency Chapters to the Navajo Nation Government, Federal, State, and Local entities for appropriate action.
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. § 103 (D) (4), the Northern Navajo Agency Council, a consortium of elected Chapter Officials representing nineteen (19) Navajo Nation Chapters, agree to address and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Northern Navajo Agency Chapters.
3. The Bodaway/Gap Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Western Navajo Agency by Official Chapter Resolution voted 55 – 0 to authorize the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, Tooahidiliih (be designated as a Sacred Site and Cultural Protected Properties and where the site is.
4. The District III Grazing Committee of the Western Navajo Agency by Resolution also support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Little Colorado River and various Cultural, Spiritual, and Religion Site be designated as Sacred Sites; and
5. The Navajo Historic Preservation's Hataalii Advisory Council working through the Navajo Nation Department of Historic Preservation Department support the designation Tooahidiliih (Confluence) as a Sacred Site and Cultural Properties.
6. The Western Navajo Agency Council on June 08, 2024 approved by Resolution to Support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site following Chapter-Other Resolutions approved are by Cameron, Leupp, Tuba City, LeChee, Coppermine, Tonalea Chapters; and
7. 8. The Fort Defiance Agency Council on July 13, 2024 approved by Resolution to support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site.
8. The Central Navajo Agency Council on September 28, 2024 approved by Resolution to Support the Designation of the Confluence as a Sacred Site.
9. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council (Comprising of 31 Chapters) on December 07, 2024 of TseYaToh Chapter approved a Supporting Resolution for the Designation of Tooahidiliih (Confluence) be designated as a Sacred Site.
10. Whereas it would be in the best interest of the Northern Navajo Agency Council that it supports Tooahidiliih (Confluence) be designated as a Sacred Site.

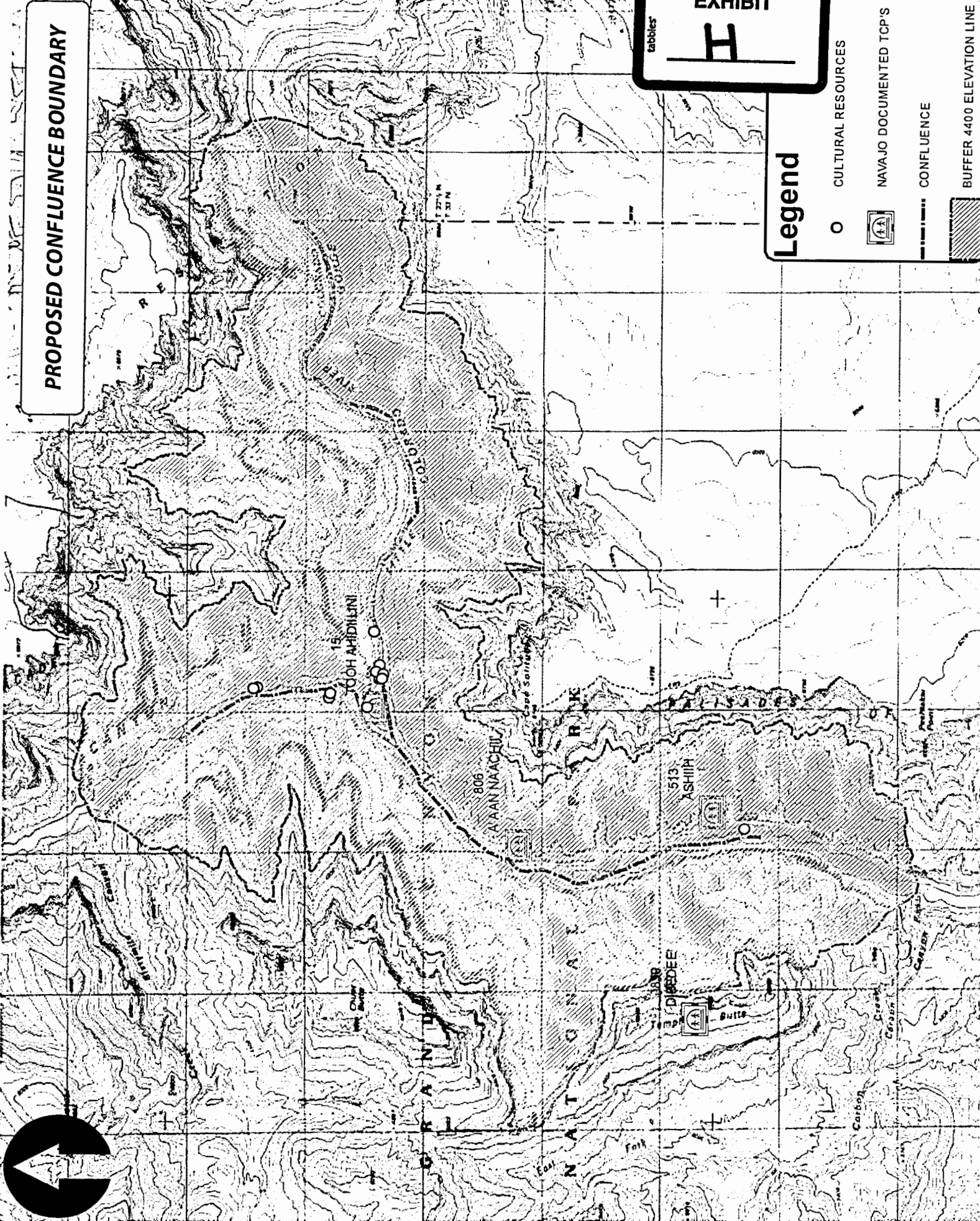
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Northern Navajo Agency Council supports and approves hereby Support the Designation of (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.
2. The Northern Navajo Agency Council hereby further request that the Navajo Nation Council and Office of the President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation to approve the (Tooahidiliih) Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge and other related Cultural/Spiritual Sites as Sacred Sites.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Northern Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Upper Fruitland Chapter, Upper Fruitland, New Mexico (Navajo Nation) which a quorum was present. A motion was made by James Benally and seconded by Nevina Kinlicheeny and the same was passed by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 6 abstained, this 21st day of December 2024.


Dr. J. Kaibah Begay, President
Daron Yellowhorse, Vice President
Matthew D. Tso, Secretary



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Presiding Speaker: Curley, C